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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY DALAI LAMA

REF: STATE 38711, NEW DELHI 3076

1. AMBASSADOR ERNEST GROSS OF TIBETAN FOUNDATION, WHEN
CONTACTED BY NEA/INS (KUX) ABOUT PLANS FOR DALAI LAMA
VISIT, SAID HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP
WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT, BUT HE WAS UNCERTAIN
WHETHER DALAI LAMA WOULD WANT TO COME. ACCORDING TO GROSS,
TIBETANS WERE SENSITIVE ABOUT EARLIER OCCASIONS WHEN USG
FIRST AGREED AND LATER DECIDED AGAINST VISITS. ALSO,
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TIBETANS WERE MUCH EMBARRASSED DURING RECENT EUROPEAN

TRIP AFTER CHINESE PRESSURE LED TO LAST-MINUTE CANCEL-
LATION OF PORTION OF VISIT TO ITALY.

2. GROSS SAID HE WOULD CHECK PRIVATELY WITH DALAI LAMA.
IF HIS HOLINESS WISHED COME TO U.S., TIBETAN FOUNDATION
WOULD ORGANIZE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP TO EXTEND INVITATION,
FIRST, HOWEVER, RECONFIRMING THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTION
TO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL VISIT. IN TERMS OF TIMING,
GROSS THOUGHT EARLIEST VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE WOULD BE
AUTUMN AND THIS MIGHT SLIP TO EARLY 1975.

3. COMMENT: SINCE TIBETAN FOUNDATION IS SERVING AS
CONTACT WITH DALAI LAMA, WE WILL REFER GROUPS INTERESTED

IN INVITING HIS HOLINESS TO FOUNDATION. BECAUSE GROSS
IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN PARIS, DR. NORRIS WILSON HAS
BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF TIBETAN FOUNDATION BOARD. GROSS,
HOWEVER, REMAINS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. KISSINGER

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